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PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[July 4 to July 12]

ON the first day of the week under review the war entered the last month of the fourth year of its course. The week was not marked by any special outstanding military or naval event, but hostilities were actively maintained at several points, the net result being particularly advantageous to the Entente and their Allies, the Americans.

On the Western front the operations, were local, and none of great magnitude, but the Americans, British, and French all made satisfactory advances and took prisoners numbering in the aggregate over five thousand. They also captured some enemy guns. A big offensive on the part of the Germans was hourly expected, but had not begun during the week.

In the Austro-Italian campaign the Italians regained the whole of the Piave delta, the navy co-operating with the land forces, and the Austrians were completely driven to the east side of the river. Further to the north the Italians were also successful in encounters with the enemy and made substantial advances at one or two points, capturing prisoners and guns.

In the Balkan campaign the Italians and Albanians in co-operation made substantial advances in Albania over a front of 60 miles; and in Serbia French and Serbian troops took some ground near Monastir. Further east hostilities were vigorously maintained and resulted favorably to the Entente and Greek troops engaged. Bulgarian soldiers in considerable numbers were reported to be deserting and surrendering to the Greek army.

The situation in Russia was as unsettled as ever, with changes as rapid, if less pleasing, as those of a kaleidoscope. The opposition to the Bolshevik administration seemed to be gaining headway, and in Moscow there was much fighting and bloodshed. The German ambassador was killed by the counter-revolutionists, and this occurrence is likely to be followed by vigorous action on the part of the German government. Entente troops were reported to have landed on the Murman coast in the Arctic Ocean and to be in control of Kola, the terminus of the new railway from Petrograd, over 670 to the south. The people of the Murman district have given their support to the Entente. The situation in Serbia is not more comprehensible than in European Russia, but the opposition to the Bolsheviks seems to be gaining the upper hand. The ultimate trend of events in Russia is certain to have an important influence on the future conduct of the war.

From the other theatres of the war—Mesopotamia, Palestine, East Africa—little or no news transpired during the week.

German submarines continued their activity, but it is not possible to say with what disastrous results to Entente and neutral shipping, the complete records not being made public. From such reports as have appeared in the daily press it would seem that the shipping destroyed by mines and submarines was below the weekly average.

Aerial operations again formed a conspicuous part of the week's warfare, and Entente aircraft seem to have accomplished more than was done by those of the enemy.

The week's outlook of the war was increasingly hopeful for the Entente and their American Allies. The rapid transportation of American troops to the battle fronts, the splendid co-operation of the various nationals on the Entente side, the continued Italian successes, the persistent nibbling of German positions by the Allies on the Western front and the Entente advance in Albania were all reassuring factors. The political troubles, not only in Austria-Hungary but in Germany as well, and the shortage of food in all central Europe, indicated a condition of affairs not likely to hearten the Huns, but rather to make peace more than ever desirable for them. The impending big German drive, should it materialize, may be the last and decisive one.

THE INCLEMENT WEATHER

THE wet and unseasonably cold weather that has prevailed since the beginning of July has been very disheartening to our summer visitors, and has not been very highly appreciated by the permanent residents. We do not have any local meteorologists, and are consequently without any authentic records of the

direction and force of the wind, the variations in temperature and barometric pressure, and the amount of rainfall, but it is safe to say that not for a good many years has such inclement weather lasted so long at this season of the year.

In other parts of the Province the continued rains seem to have damaged the crops seriously, but locally no great damage has been done, though garden stuff is backward and the hay crop is likely to be much below the average. Mr. T. E. Sharp, the manager of the Van Horne farm on Minister's Island, reports the crops in good condition, the wheat being headed out and oats in grain. So it is probable that local crops will eventually be about as usual, or not much below the average.

THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

July 13.—Jean Paul Marat, a leader of the French Revolution, assassinated, 1793; Napoleon Bonaparte surrendered to the captain of the British warship *Bellerophon*, 1815; J. Lingard, English historian, died, 1851; Rt. Hon. Walter Hume Long, English statesman, born, 1854; Rufus Choate, American lawyer, died, 1859; Treaty of Berlin, "Peace with Honor," 1898.

July 14.—Bastille at Paris stormed, 1789; French National Holiday. Dr. Richard Bentley, English scholar and divine, editor of "Bentley's Magazine," died, 1742; Aaron Arrowsmith, English geographer and publisher of maps, born, 1750; Peter III, Tsar of Russia, murdered in prison, 1762; Commodore Perry, American naval commander, landed in Japan, 1853; Submarine cable between England and Denmark completed, 1859; Owen Wister, American novelist, born, 1859; Herr Krupp, builder of the gun works at Essen, Prussia, died, 1887; Campanile of St. Mark's at Venice collapsed, 1902; Paul Kruger, last President of the South African Republic, died, 1904.

July 15.—St. Swithin. Cardinal Maunig, English R. C. ecclesiastic, born, 1808; Inquisition abolished in Spain, 1834; W. M. Praed, English poet, died, 1839; Lord Northcliffe, owner of *The Times*, London, born, 1865; Marie Tempest, English actress, born, 1866; Manitoba made a Province and Northwest Territories added to the Dominion, 1869.

July 16.—Sir Joshua Reynolds, English painter, first President of the Royal Academy, born, 1723; Washington, D. C., fixed as seat of United States Government, 1790; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, born, 1821; Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, British official, born, 1842; Samuel Hahnemann, Saxon physician, founder of homeopathy, died, 1843; Pierre de Béranger, French poet, died, 1857; Captain Roald Amundsen, Norwegian Arctic explorer, born, 1870.

July 17.—Dr. Isaac Watts, English poet and writer of hymns, born, 1674; Elbridge Gerry, American statesman, born, 1744; John Jacob Astor, American financier, born, 1763; Charlotte Corday, French revolutionist, executed for the murder of Marat, 1793; First issue of *Punch*, English humorous journal, 1841; War began between France and Prussia, 1870; James A. McNeill Whistler, American painter, died, 1903.

July 18.—Turks defeated by the Poles at Vienna, 1683; Gilbert White, English naturalist, author of *Natural History of Selborne*, born, 1720; Adam Smith, Scottish philosopher and author of *Wealth of Nations*, died, 1792; Captain John Paul Jones, Scottish naval adventurer, died, 1792; W. M. Thackeray, English novelist, born at Calcutta, 1811; Jane Austen, English novelist, died, 1817; Sir William Goschen, British diplomat, born, 1847; Dr. W. G. Grace, English cricketer, born, 1848; Baron Victor Napoleon Bonaparte, born, 1862; Emperor Maximilian of Mexico shot, 1867; Doctrine of Papal Infallibility promulgated by Pope Pius IX, 1870; Benito Juárez, President of Mexico, died, 1872; Ballot Act went into force in Great Britain, 1872; Norway celebrated the thousandth anniversary of the establishment of the Kingdom, 1872; Dean Stanley, English divine and author, died, 1881.

July 19.—Constantinople taken by Venetian crusaders, 1203; United States declared war against England, 1812; Samuel Colt, American inventor of the revolver, born, 1814; Matthew Flinders, English navigator, died, 1814; Coronation of King George IV of England, 1821; Augustin Irturbide, former Emperor of Mexico, executed, 1824; Prof. Edward C. Pickering, American astronomer, born, 1846; Taiping rebellion in China suppressed, 1864; John P. Mitchell, former Mayor of New York, born, 1879; Ter-Centenary celebration of foundation of Quebec by Champlain, 1908; Sir Christopher Nixon, Irish physician, died, 1914.

AMATEUR'S EQUIPMENT

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BAPTISTS OF SEVENTH DISTRICT CONVENE AT SEAL COVE

Seal Cove July 5 to 7.

The programme for the 14th session of the 7th District was arranged according to the Five Year objective of the Maritime Convention.

By necessity of transportation facilities several of the ministers arrived on Tuesday's boat and preparatory services were held on Wednesday, at Castalia, when Rev. W. R. Robinson spoke; at Seal Cove, where Rev. J. H. Jenner spoke on "The Enlarged Outlook," and on Thursday Dr. W. C. Goucher, on Paul's "I Can." These were inspiring and helpful addresses.

The District meeting proper began on Friday, 2:30 p. m. The chairman, Rev. J. H. Jenner, presiding. After the roll call, at which the following pastors responded: Revs. J. H. Jenner, A. S. Bishop, W. R. Robinson, W. C. Goucher, J. R. Egan, J. E. Gosline, Wm. Amos, licentiates G. S. Weaver, J. Lank, J. R. McGorman, and lay delegates from St. Stephen, St. Andrews, St. George, Deer Island, Wilson's Beach, St. John West (Ludlow and Charlotte Sts.), Fairville, and Mascarene, the session was organized.

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Committees on arrangements and nominations were appointed by the Chairman. The customary courtesies were extended to all visiting brethren and to the pastor of the local Reformed Baptist Church. After Communications were read, announcements made, and minutes approved, the session closed with prayer.

The devotional exercises of the second session were conducted by pastor J. R. McGorman, Mascarene, after which Rev. A. S. Bishop, Fairville, gave us a vivid word picture of a trip to South America, to Bolivia, describing for us our Mission, the social and educational conditions, the unbelief of the Indians, the methods by which to reach them, and the needs of the Baptist Mission in Bolivia.

Miss Esther Clark, Fredericton, spoke on "Work for Missions in the Local Church," and called attention to the need of prayer, increased offerings, and Y. O. The emphasis was put on "You." When you give yourself the offerings and prayers are assured.

The Saturday morning Conference was led by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Gosline, at which over forty members were present, and was an hour of sweet uplifting fellowship.

The report of the summarizing committee—There are in the District 28 churches with a membership of 3200, ministered to by fifteen pastors, two pastorates are vacant, there were 175 added during the year of which 135 were by baptism.

Rev. J. E. Gosline read the report on Sunday Schools, of which there are 30 with a total enrollment of 3163, raising \$3250. Much progress in various ways has been made during the year. The afternoon session was occupied by reports on Education by Dr. W. C. Goucher. This was a most encouraging report in view of war conditions, showing an increase at Acadia University of 267 over 1917. The figures are: at the Seminary, 354; Academy 278; College, 155. Total 878, against a total of 518 for 1917. He also said a conditional offer of \$30,000 had been made and the conditions were in sight of fulfilment. The obituary report was presented by Rev. Wm. Amos mentioning briefly names of faithful workers called to their reward.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Chairman, D. C. Clark; Vice, Rev. J. E. Gosline; Sec. Treas. Rev. J. H. Jenner, and four additional members to constitute the Executive.

The evening session was devoted to Temperance and Education. D. C. Clark spoke on the opportunities for our young people at Acadia. His address was deeply interesting and was made the more so by many pictures of the buildings and scenes in Wolfville and the surrounding community.

The Rev. M. B. McCutcheon, of Montreal, then presented the reasons for our work at Grand Ligne. The speaker first called attention to Quebec, the great Roman Catholic province of Canada, he showed the grounds in which Protestantism and Romanism agree, wherein they differ in beliefs and methods, the fruits of these differing beliefs and methods, and our duty to Roman Catholicism, which he designated under the following: To live in peace when possible, to study her life, to enlighten her darkness, to oppose her when she attempts to usurp power, political or otherwise.

The social service of the Lord's day was led by Rev. J. R. Egan. The annual sermon was by Rev. W. R. Robinson, who in the opening exercises of the service was assisted by four licentiates. The text was Exodus II, 9, subject, "The Duty of the Church to the Child." During this session Mrs. A. S. Bishop sang "Have you a Friend like that."

In the afternoon brother Wm. Beauguard conducted the Sunday School, and the Rev. J. H. Jenner presented and spoke on the report of Home Missions.

The evening session was devoted to Evangelistic work. Rev. A. S. Bishop preached and Rev. J. H. Jenner conducted an after service at which two decided for Christ.

There were present during this session eleven pastors from the District, and representatives from fifteen pastorates, beside Rev. J. B. Harvey, from the Sixth, Miss E. Clark, Fredericton, of the Women's Missionary Union, and Rev. M. B. McCutcheon, of Montreal. The licences of their young men were endorsed by the District, viz. C. I. Wilson, J. R. McGorman, and John Lank. On Friday afternoon, G. S. Weaver, pastor of North Head, was examined, and creditably passing, was ordained at North Head on Sunday evening. This service was participated in by Rev. J. E. Gosline, who preached the ordination sermon, subject, "The Man and his Message." Dr. Goucher, the ordaining prayer, the charge to the candidate by Rev. Wm. Amos, charge to the people by Rev. W. R. Robinson.

Although the weather was not favorable a large number of delegates and visitors were in attendance. Over fifty strangers being cared for.

It was a session of much spiritual uplift.

J. E. GOSLINE

IN THE BASS FAMILY ONLY FATHER WORKS

Nobody works but father—He's on guard all day—Fins in constant motion, Keeping the foes away.

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